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In re Application of:

MOHAN V. KALKUNTE, ET AL.

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For: **Method and Apparatus for
Preserving Flow Order Across Links
of a Multi Link Trunk**

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Applicant respectfully requests amendment of the above-identified Patent Application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

On page 9, line 4, before "aggregated" please delete "an".

On page 9, line 5, please delete "or MLT such as MLT" and insert in lieu thereof --(e.g., MLT)--.

On page 9, line 13, please delete "must" and insert in lieu thereof --may--.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1-3, 9 and 13-19 as follows:

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